

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 11

June 9, 2005

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS ON
JANUARY 11, 2005**

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF MANUAL SECTION 1/570 - USE OF FLASHLIGHTS

**The following addition shall be made to Volume 1 of the
Department Manual:**

570 USE OF FLASHLIGHTS. The primary use of the flashlight is for illumination purposes. Use of the flashlight as an impact device is discouraged by the Department. However, under exigent circumstances, the flashlight may be used as an impact device when the use of an officer's baton is not feasible. Consistent with the Department's Use of Force Policy, any use of the flashlight as an impact device shall be reported, with an explanation as to why the flashlight was used in lieu of other impact devices. The reason for the use of the flashlight as an impact device will be critically reviewed.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Chief of Staff shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.

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